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SUBJECT: PRE-31ST UNGA CONSULTATIONS

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SUMMARY: PRIOR TO DEPARTURE TO 31 ST UNGA OF ETHIOPIAN DELEGATION, POLCOUNS HAD OPPORTUNITY FOR TOUR D'HORIZON OF MAJOR UNGA ISSUES CONTAINED REFTELS WITH MOFA INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AFFAIRS DIRECTOR, TEFAYE MEKASHA. TEFAYE TOOK NOTE OF US POSITIONS AND, IN SOME INSTANCES, INDICATED WHAT ETHIOPIAN POSITION WOULD BE. THIS TELEGRAM DESCRIBES THOSE POSITIONS, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF KOREA ITEM WHICH WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTTEL. END SUMMARY.

1. SOUTHERN AFRICA: TEFAYE INDICATED THAT TENOR OF UNGA DEBATE ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WOULD DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON OUTCOME SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS. WHILE HE WISHED SECRETARY EVERY SUCCESS, HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITIONS WAS THAT UNTIL US AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL COUNTRIES AGREED TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON SOUTH AFRICA, THERE APPEARED TO BE LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT WHITE REGIMES WOULD FEEL SUFFICIENT PRESURE TO AGREE TO TRULY DEMOCRATIC SOLUTION OF NAMIBIA,  
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RHODESIA AND SOUTH AFRICA PROBLEMS. IF KISSINGER FAILS, HE

ANTICIPATED THAT ATMOSPHERE IN NEW YORK WOULD BE ONE OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN A FEW WESTERN COUNTRIES ON ONE HAND, AND ENTIRE REST OF WORLD ON THE OTHER. HE AGREED, HOWEVER, THAT DIVISIVE DEBATE AT UNGA WAS UNLIKELY TO CONTRIBUTE MUCH TO SOLUTION.

2. ZIONISM/RACISM: TEFAYE SAID THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD PARTICIPATE IN DEBATE ON DECADE FOR ACTION TO COMBAT RACISM AND RACIAL DISCRIMINATION. IN EVENT QUESTION IS RAISED DURING DEBATE AS TO WHETHER ZIONISM SHOULD BE ADDRESSED IN PROGRAM FOR DECADE, ETHIOPIA WOULD ABSTAIN, AS IT DID ON ZIONISM RESOLUTION ITSELF LAST YEAR.

3. WESTERN SAHARA: SEE ADDIS ABABA 10328 FOR DETAILED ETHIOPIAN POSITION ON THIS ISSUE.

4. UNRWA FINANCING: TEFAYE SAID THAT ETHIOPIA WAS AWARE OF MAJOR US ROLE IN FINANCING THIS WORTHY ACTIVITY, BUT HE WAS UNAWARE WHETHER OTHER GOVERNMENTS WERE PREPARED TO INCREASE THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS AT THIS TIME.

5. INDIAN OCEAN PEACE ZONE: TEFAYE SAID THAT ETHIOPIA DOES NOT TAKE LEAD ON THIS ISSUE ALTHOUGH, ALONG WITH OTHER LITTORAL STATES, IT VIEWED WITH EXTREME CONCERN THE POSSIBILITY OF FURTHER EXPANSION OF MILITARY PRESENCES IN INDIAN OCEAN AREA.

6. HUMAN RIGHTS: TEFAYE VOLUNTEERED THAT ETHIOPIA WILL OPPOSE FOR REASONS FOR PRINCIPLE FRG PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH WORLD COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS. WITH THIS PROVISIO, ETHIOPIA PREPARED TO ENGAGE CONSTRUCTIVELY IN DEBATE ON THIS IMPORTANT ISSUE.

7. DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE: ALTHOUGH TEFAYE PERSONALLY DOUBTED THAT ANYTHING WORTHWHILE WOULD EMERGE FROM SPECIAL GA ON DISARMAMENT, INVOLVING ALL MEMBER NATIONS, HE ANTICIPATED THAT ETHIOPIA WOULD VOTE TO HOLD SUCH SESSION, SHOULD MAJORITY WISH IT.

8. UN BUDGET, UN RESTRUCTURING, AND EXTERNAL EVALUATION MECHANISM.: SPEAKING IN GENERAL TERMS, TEFAYE ANTICIPATED CONFIDENTIAL

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THAT US AND ETHIOPIA WOULD HAVE NO MEANINGFUL DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS ON ANY OF THESE THREE ISSUES.

9. TEFAYE CLOSED MEETING BY SAYING THAT HE HOPED TO REMAIN IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH US DELEGATION THROUGHOUT FALL AND WOULD BE HAPPY TO CLARIFY ETHIOPIAN POSITIONS FURTHER DURING SUBSEQUENT MEETING.  
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